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Subpart A—Administration of FHWA Planning and Research Funds

§ 420.101 Purpose and applicability.

This part prescribes the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) policies and procedures for the administration of activities undertaken by States and their subrecipients, including Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), with FHWA planning and research funds. It applies to activities and studies funded as part of a recipient's or subrecipient's work program or as separate Federal-aid projects that

are not included in a work program. This subpart also is applicable to the approval and authorization of research, development, and technology transfer (RD&T) work programs; additional policies and procedures regarding administration of RD&T programs are contained in subpart B of this part. The requirements in this part supplement those in 49 CFR Part 18 which are applicable to administration of these funds.

§ 420.103 Definitions.

Unless otherwise specified in this part, the definitions in 23 U.S.C. 101(a) are applicable to this part. As used in this part:

Grant agreement means a legal instrument between an awarding agency and recipient where the principal purpose is to provide funds to the recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by law.

FHWA planning and research funds means:

(1) State planning and research (SPR) funds (the 2 percent funds authorized under 23 U.S.C. 307(c)(1));

(2) Metropolitan planning (PL) funds (the 1 percent funds authorized under 23 U.S.C. 104(f) to carry out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134(a));

(3) National highway system (NHS) funds authorized under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(1) used for transportation planning in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, highway research and planning in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 307, highway-related technology transfer activities, or development and establishment of management systems under 23 U.S.C. 303;

(4) Surface transportation program (STP) funds authorized under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(3) used for highway and transit research and development and technology transfer programs, surface transportation planning programs, or development and establishment of management systems under 23 U.S.C. 303; and

(5) Minimum allocation funds authorized under 23 U.S.C. 157(c) used for carrying out, respectively, the provisions